



**WEARE BOARD OF FIRE WARDS
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 11, 2010
Final Draft**

PRESENT: Jon Osborne, Chairman; Frederick W. Hippler, Vice Chairman; Ray Eaton; Steve Roberts, Dave Hewey, Scott Dinsmore, Bill Tiffany, Sheila Savaria, Recording Secretary

GUESTS: Jan Snyder, Harry Lamb, Dan Gorman, Robert Richards

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Jon Osborne called the meeting to order at 6:30 at the Weare Town Offices.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Dan Gorman: The Weare Firefighters Association is having a bonfire and a hay ride on October 30, from 6:00 pm till 9:00 pm at the Transfer Station. There will be fireworks, food, and goodie bags. All proceeds will be donated to the Weare Food Pantry. Cost to participate is 1 canned good.

Meeting Minutes:

Ray Eaton moved to approve the minutes from the August 9; Frederick Hippler seconded, all voted in favor.

Frederick Hippler moved to approve the minutes from August 24; Steve Roberts seconded, five members voted in favor, Ray Eaton and Bill Tiffany abstained.

Steve Roberts moved to approve the minutes from September 13; Frederick Hippler seconded, six members voted in favor, Ray Eaton abstained.

Steve Roberts moved to approve the minutes from September 23; Frederick Hippler seconded, five members voted in favor, Ray Eaton and Bill Tiffany abstained.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Harry Lamb: Mr. Lamb feels that what was recorded in the minutes about the letter presented at last month's meeting did not reflect him in a good light, nor did it reflect the positive things he said regarding his fellow firefighters. Mr. Lamb also questioned whether the Town is wasting the money spent on safety equipment if not everyone is going to use it and risk getting sick in the future because of it. He goes on to say the SOGs state that if a firefighter doesn't have their gear on scene, they will be removed and forfeit the pay, and he feels the SOGs are not practiced. In addition, Mr. Lamb would like to see the department keep more up to date, accurate records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS:

There are two new SOGs that need to be adopted by the board, the Emergency Incident and Training Evolution Rehabilitation Sector Requirement, SOG #08180, and the Transportation of Patients Under Police Arrest, SOG #0810-65. The board agreed that they will review the

SOGs and discuss them at the next meeting.

Proposed new truck: Assistant Chief Robert Richards is looking to see what the board is interested in for a new truck so he can get prices. Some of the trucks being looked at are:

- ~ \$375,232 - 1000 gallon tank - missing a lot of equipment
- ~ \$325,000 - comes with no equipment
- ~ \$315,000 & \$338,000 - 1000 gallon tanks - demo trucks only
- ~ \$374,600 if 2007 engine is available - 1500 gallon tank, \$387,000 if 2007 is not available.
- ~ \$430,000 - 2500 gallon tank - would go down about \$13,000 if 2007 motor is available.
- ~ \$353,847 - 1000 gallon tank - comes with front suction - next step down (different interior, etc) is about \$8,000 cheaper.

After some discussion, the board agreed that 1500 gallons and \$375,000 is fair for Chief Eaton to present to the CIP Committee.

Ray Eaton: Chief Eaton explained to the board that he is working on the new budget, and needs to know how much money they will be requesting for the new Chief position. The board said they will work on the numbers for the next work session.

Jon Osborne: The Fire Marshalls office will be coming in to do an equipment and personnel evaluation of the department before the end of the month. They offer this free service to evaluate what the department needs for equipment and personnel. In terms of budget, Chairman Osborne said the department is on track and that they have 30% of the budget left for the year. Chief Eaton discussed the four major expenses that are left: Repair to the gear, Air pack testing, Hose testing, and approximately \$9,000 for turnout gear.

Jon Osborne moved that the board go into a non-public session, per RSA 91-A:3 a&c, at 7:25 pm; Steve Roberts seconded, all voted in favor.

Jon Osborne moved that the board come out of the non-public session at 7:47 pm; Frederick Hippler seconded, all voted in favor.

V: ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further matters to be discussed before the board, Steve Roberts moved to adjourn at 7:50pm; Frederick Hippler seconded, all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Savaria
Recording Secretary